

Sir John Johnson Idleweiss Wins Fourth Consecutive Event

Lands Final Race with Ease—Lieut. Rockwell
Puts Up Magnificent Ride on O. K.—Sir
John Johnson Takes Handicap.

By GEORGE B. MORRIS.
Laurel, Md., Oct. 21.—A typical Saturday afternoon crowd gathered today at the Laurel Racing Association's track to witness the running of the Washington Handicap for three-year-olds and upward at a mile and an eighth.
Ten high-class horses started in this event, with Plate Glass the favorite. After going to the post, Hillarious, James R. Keene's horse, snked, an usual, and took a notion to run away. He ran about two miles, and was captured after running over the hill and back to his stable. This had its effect upon the heavy-weighted horse, and was in part responsible for Plate Glass's defeat.

Off to a good start, Sir John Johnson showed the way by the grand stand, and in this position he finished, with his stable companion, Aldrian, at his heels. Star Charter was third. The result of the race was never in doubt. Sir John Johnson, who ran in a muddy track, finished the race with the ease of a fly, and clean as when he left the stable. Jockey Goldstein, who rode the winner, rode a fine race, and well rated his horse through the entire route. Lawton Wiggin got the most of the break, and did not get in action until the other horses were well in their stride. He quickly recovered himself and started after the others, who were close up, and at the finish was running over them, and with a better break John Burtchell's horse would have, perhaps, been more lucky.

Track Stops Guy Fisher.
Guy Fisher carried a lot of money and was well off, but he could not navigate through the heavy going and was beaten off. The result of the race was a surprise, as Plate Glass was looked upon by the wise ones as having the best chance to win the purse.

The second event, the National Steeplechase for army and navy officers, ridden by army officers, brought three horses to the post—Knight of Elvyn, O. K., and Miss Hynes. The first two horses, who had been injured, but escaped without injury.

The next victim to fall was O. K., who fell at the same jump. Knight of Elvyn, who had been injured, but escaped without injury, was the only horse to finish the race. He continued running, but this crafty horseman kept at his mount and fared him over every jump, until the last hurdle was reached. He again refused and after continually trying to make the animal jump, he succeeded, and brought his horse home within the time limit, thus saving the place money bet on him.

Lieut. Rockwell received a great ovation when he returned to the judges stand, and the consensus of opinion among the spectators was that he put up a magnificent and game ride.

Society, as usual, turned out to see this event, which has become very popular. Secretary Brown has decided to have the army and navy officers another chance, and has carried another event of the same kind to be run Monday.

The third race, six furlongs, brought four horses to the post. Madrigal, the favorite, was the only horse to finish the race, and he won it easily. He was a half mile, and he ran away at the turn into the stretch he was six lengths in front of the field, who rode Madrigal, put up a good ride and he captured a brace at the post. Madrigal's performance was a creditable one. Little Epp captured the opening event, while Miles O'Connell made a runaway affair of the fifth.

Idleweiss Wins Again.
The last event of the day brought F. H. Mink's consistent Idleweiss to the post, with Michael Angelo, My Gal, and Grassmere to contend with Idleweiss, like the good race horse he is, made a zaflop out of the affair and won going away. This is the fourth consecutive race that this game horse has won. The public had great faith in Idleweiss's ability to make it four in a row, and he was played down from 11 to 2 to 2 to 2 at post time. It was a romp for him.

The novelty race, which was scheduled for today, did not take place, owing to the heavy weather conditions. The weather and track conditions permitting, the event will be run off on Monday.

The book for the final eight days of the meeting shows seven races each afternoon, and the remaining three stakes will be run off. These have attracted larger entries than any of the previous ones, and will see even a larger field go to the post. There are many new horses in the race, and the public has not yet made their appearance. This will do so within the next few days, and will increase the interest in the racing at Laurel.

Big Purse at Meeting.
The meeting has been one of the best conducted that could be imagined, and up to the present over \$50,000 has been given away in purse, stakes and handicaps. This amount did not include the sums given to the harness horsemen, or to the exhibitors at the big State fair which has come to a successful end. The exhibits at this fair were of the best, and will long be remembered in Maryland. It brought entries from numerous States, and next season it will be increased in size.

After Little Epp had won the first event he was run up to \$1,000 and sold. Mad River was then claimed by J. W. Hedrick.

Following are the summaries:
FIRST RACE—Purse, \$500; for two-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Little Epp, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Mad River, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Grassmere, 10 (Brown), 1 to 1; O. K., 1 to 1; Star Charter, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Hillarious, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; James R. Keene's horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

SECOND RACE—Purse, \$200; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Captures the Washington Handicap at Laurel

PAST WEEK IN SPORTS.



ENNISKILL FALLS AND LOSES RACE

Garterman Wins the Steeplechase at Pimlico.

Baltimore, Oct. 21.—A fall at the twelfth jump deprived Enniskillen of an overwhelming victory in the steeplechase at Pimlico today. After the fall Garterman, a 15 to 1 shot, cantered home a winner with the remainder of the field nowhere. All Red, the favorite in the fourth event, outlasted his field and galloped home a length in front.

A big surprise was sprung in the fifth event, when the Green Springs Cavalry, a 15 to 1 shot, won the race.

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FIFTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

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EIGHTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

NINTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

TENTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

ELEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twelfth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Thirteenth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

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Eighteenth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

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Twentieth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-first RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-second RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-third RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-fourth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-fifth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-sixth RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

Twenty-seventh RACE—Purse, \$500; for three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Madrigal, 100 (Carter), 5 to 1; Knight of Elvyn, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; Miss Hynes, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1; and a fourth horse, 10 (Hedrick), 1 to 1.

HORSE-LOVERS TRAVEL TO LAUREL TRACK

Light-harness Horsemen Attend Maryland Fair.
Charley Mitchell Is Good Gelding Trotter.

By L. D. SALLIE.
With the Lexington meet a thing of the past, the attention of light harness horsemen during the past week was directed toward Laurel and Frederick, where some of the best horses East and West, as well as some who have been following the Grand Circuit, have been performing.

It is a season of the year when seasonal time can hardly be expected from the very best of horses. Besides there was much moisture during the week which necessarily precluded fast time. Very naturally, the event of interest in these parts during the week was the free-for-all trot with such horses in the field as Charley Mitchell, 2:10 1/4, Hatterbury, 2:05 1/4, Capt. George, 2:08 1/4, the fast stallion Creighton, and the fast and consistent Allerton mare, Nancy Royce, who has been teamed during the past two racing seasons by the well known "Knappa" McCarthy.

It was not the expectation of seeing fast time hung up that drew the large crowd of spectators to Laurel on Thursday, or the hope of seeing blood stirring contests between these great trotters. It was the desire to see the horses that have been making hot history during a remarkable season of light harness racing. It was a foregone conclusion, in the free-for-all trot, that Charley Mitchell would win about as he pleased. He has proved himself to be the fastest gelding of the year, is usefully sound and is able to be in the freest of all trotting. Mitchell is a 2:10 1/4 gelding, and as he stands in his stall, is far from being a specially attractive horse. He is a brown gelding, and goes on a two-minute trot, but he is a horse that is so easily rated that his speed can be read over a mile without taking too much out of him any part of it. He can bring much better than a two-minute clip, and the horse that can live with him from the head of the stretch home has got to be a very remarkable trotter.

Mitchell is one of the finds of W. H. Rhodes, of Guttenburg, N. J., who learned the rudiments of his profession in this city, while employed on the stock farm of the late Gen. E. F. Beale. Rhodes had a friend who was in search of a trotter of Grand Circuit dimensions, and recommended Mitchell as a horse that would fill the bill. The amount asked, \$2,000, looked big to the purchaser at the time, but it was a bargain, for the gelding indicated by the events of the season. Rhodes is one of the characters of light harness turf, an excellent judge of class in horses, is a wise counselor when a horse is at stake, and the horse is split and the horses are brought to get to their stables, and he never goes into winter quarters broke. Rhodes' story of the development of Mitchell into one of the most wonderful trotters of the Grand Circuit has thus far produced, is worthy of a chapter by itself. It is a story of discrimination and applied skill in training and sounds like a fairy tale when told.

It is difficult to estimate which excited the most interest at Laurel during the week—Mitchell or his trainer and driver, Thomas Murphy, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the most successful driver and the highest money winner of the season on the Grand Circuit. The most striking point about his anatomy is his billiard room shrewdness. In the sulky he resembles an interrogation point. On the ground he looks like an animated lightning rod, tall, thin, and lank, lean of face, and hungry looking. It reveals itself, that once said of Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, when he met him at Old Point Comfort during the closing years of the civil war. Murphy does not let a wind shield when he drives, he is so thin that there is no air resistance.

As a reinman this Irish-American has no master and few rivals. When he stands erect he is about five feet ten. His features are sharp enough to cut a beard. He is only thirty-five years old, and he looks to be fifty. When he drives a 2:30 trotter or pacer he has to be strapped to his seat in order to escape from being blown from his sulky by the resisting air currents. He has won the first money in the season with a single horse, R. T. C., \$2,000, and his total winnings for the season are a trifle over \$5,000—enough to buy a new gown for the wife, a few frocks for the kids at home, and a Tuxedo and a tuxedo hat for himself, should he need them.

Hatterbury, one of the sensations of 1910, captured last in Murphy's string, and is consigned to the auction sales by his owner, Mr. J. M. Cavanaugh, of Harrisonburg, Va. He is a 16-hand bay gelding, and, notwithstanding the fast miles he has gone, has not a particle on his legs. He would make a grand matinee horse for some one, and if Washington was the home center it should be he. It is rumored that Nancy Royce will also go under the hammer in a few weeks. It is further rumored that Charley Mitchell will dispose of Capt. George during the winter.

McDermott was offered for the stallion \$10,000 at the beginning of the racing season of 1910 and refused it. The Captain would not probably bring within \$10,000 of that sum at the present time. He is by Admiral Dewey, and Dewey's do not stand high nowadays as racing machines. They are fast, but not fast enough; the most of them do not race sound and are not inclined to be so steady when pinched. A 2:10 trotter, that goes all the time on the trot, is a much more valuable racing trot than one that can sometimes trot in 2:08, but is liable to be unsteady just as the money is in sight.

The 2:20 trot at Laurel, on Tuesday, was an interesting event. There were well meaning local personages who thought well enough of Miss Kushan to want to wager that she would win the race, and she did not. She was the first heat, from the head of the stretch home, until the driver of the Philadelphia mare Aeolia, turned on her speed and smothered her. The Washington mare flew into the air in a tired break and was beaten out by a length. There were two other mares in the field able to beat Miss Kushan—Julia Baron and Zoe Patchen.

The former beat her home the second heat and the latter did the trick in the third heat, the mile of Aeolia in the last heat being in the fast time (for the track) of 2:15 1/4, which shows that the Buffalo mare Zoe Patchen has some speed. Berka, the other local mare, was last in a field of nine the first heat, and finished fourth in each of the following heats. In the third heat, which was in 2:15 1/4, Berka finished next to Miss Kushan, who was third, notwithstanding the fact that she had to make up a lot of ground in the mile by being unable to get off with her field. Could Berka have gotten in equal break with her field her position in the summary would have been much better than it is. She is a great finisher, but does not get off fast enough. Unless this defect is overcome she will be a disappointment.

The 2:20 trot was of interest to Washingtonians, because of the fact that Foxy Grattan (a cognomen not known in this community) was in the race, and, because again, there are men in the District of Columbia who have persistently maintained that the Grattan gelding was a rank robber, and a counterfeiter of the purest race. He led his field home the first heat in a grand style, and in the next, Murphy, behind Ethel Lyon, took command and finished the affair in "straights," with Foxy Grattan the chaser out in each heat. Although the first heat was only in 2:11 1/4, it was fast enough to put out the local colt, Keenworthy, and two others. It is but just to say, however, in this connection that Keenworthy, a three-year-old, was racing against aged horses and probably had not fully recovered from his race at Richmond the week previous, when he trotted the first mile in 2:21 1/4, a record faster than any other three-year-old ever bred in this vicinity has been able to attain. As his sire, Foxy Grattan, was a dam, Elsie Donegan, are each to be sold under the hammer next Saturday, October 28, on the premises of their owner, Mr. J. M. Carbin, in Hamilton, Va., added interest is given to Keenworthy's recent achievements.

The 2:10 pace developed some high-class wrigglers, and it took five heats to decide which was the best of the eight that answered the summons of the bell. The Laurel track is not suited for the gait of paces as yet, and possibly never may be, as there are spots on the back stretch that are soggy and holding, and, when hit at speed stop the stoutest horse that ever drew.

Even the trotters, when they struck those spots, had to slow down almost to a jog, so that when it was announced that the first heat was paced in 2:12 1/4, and the second in 2:14 1/4, the remaining three heats were in better than 2:15, the class of the horses entered need not be dwelt upon at length. While the chestnut gelding, Keall got the big end of the purse, a different story might have been told if Lucius Todd, who had only arrived from the States an hour before the race was called, had had a good night's rest in a stable, instead of being on a freight car. An evidence of the good horse he is, he won the third heat in 2:12 1/4, and was second in the fourth and fifth heats, in 2:14 1/4 and 2:13 1/4, in spite of the fact that he had nothing to eat after he landed at the track. He is a bay stallion by Todd, 2:14 1/4, and will be heard from in 1912, if nothing happens to him.

Starter Frank Walker, the greatest of America's starters of harness horses, was questioned by the writer as to his opinion of the three-year-olds of the season, most of whom had raced under his eye. He declared them to be the best lot that has yet appeared on the American turf. "The time recorded in their races tells the story of their greatness in brief," he remarked. "I am afraid, however, that they will be better three than four-year-olds. When we recall to mind that fact that three-year-olds drew the past season a sulky weighing on the average of thirty-six pounds, and in it was a man weighing not less, under the rules, than 150 pounds and that the miles were around 2:05 and 2:08, it staggers one. Some of the races of the country were, this season, is taking too much out of young horses, and the practice should be barred in all future contests. Races for horses under four years should be confined to the mile and a half, best two in three. Under this more humane system we shall have sounder horses, and, for breeding purposes, they will be worth more to their owners, because their vitality will have not been sapped. Besides we will not have as many broken down youngsters as we now have."

COLUMBIA DEFEATED.
Baltimore Country Club Golfers Win the Team Match.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Oct. 21.—The representatives of the Baltimore Country Club mowed down the Columbia Country Club of Washington in one of the closest and most exciting golf team matches ever witnessed at the Roland Park links this afternoon. The local players captured four out of the five contests. Extra holes were required in three of the matches before the local golfers were able to display their supremacy over the players from the outside. The results of the matches, between Jenkins of the locals and Leet of the Washingtonians, went twenty holes before the winner was determined, the former finally capturing the match.

The other two matches of the contest that went over the regulation number of holes were the ones between Elliott of the locals and Davidson of Washington, and Bone of Baltimore and Harban of the visitors. The Baltimoreans were successful in both of these matches, each winning by one up. Curkan defeated Eyrone of the Columbia, six up and five to play, while Nelson saved the visitors from a shut-out by dropping his match with Hillier of Washington by the same score.

COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.
STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
Woodward & Lothrop..... 11 4 730
Weedman..... 11 4 730
Baltimore Country Club..... 9 4 730
Charles Schuch..... 7 4 730
Washington Tobacco Company..... 7 4 730
Hammaker Building Company..... 6 4 730
Tanner Building..... 6 4 730
John & DeWitt..... 5 4 730
S. South Provision Company..... 4 4 730
Wm. Hahn & Co..... 4 4 730
High game—Woodward & Lothrop and Ewing Star, 32.
High team set—Ewing Star, 1.00.
High individual set—Hammaker, 31.
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Trotting Racing Postponed.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Laurel, Md., Oct. 21.—The trotting races were again postponed until Monday, owing to the heavy condition of the track.



MARQUARD IS BASEBALL'S MOST PICTURESQUE FIGURE

The most picturesque pitching figure in baseball to-day is our old friend "Rube" Marquard, southpaw. Marquard is known as the \$1,000 beauty. He was the highest priced recruit from the bush leagues until Pittsburgh paid \$25,000 for Marty O'Toole.

Back in 1908, Marquard was twirling sensational ball for the Indianapolis American Association team. He went through the A. A. circuit like a forest fire, literally burning up the league. Nothing like him ever broke loose in the ball game. Major league managers started bidding for the phenom. McGraw had the bank roll and outbid the country for the Indianapolis wonder, paying \$10,000 for "Rube."

During the winter of 1908-09 Marquard was writing up from one end of the country to the other as the greatest young twirler in the game. No minor league recruit in the history of baseball was twirled so highly as the "Rube." New York baseball "bugs" had their appetites whetted for a knockout pitcher. When the 1908 season opened they expected to see Marquard pitch nothing but shut-outs and no-hit games.

It was a case of expecting too much, and when "Rube" started off poorly he was roasted to a frazzle. The cartoonists made fun of him and the baseball writers dubbed him the biggest counterfeiter in the game.

The poor boy became discouraged and would have thrown up the job, but John J. McGraw knew he was there with the real goods. Nothing could shake the big southpaw from his job and last thirteen games of last year, still McGraw carried him on the Giants' payroll.

The following season his showing was almost as bad. He worked in eight games, winning four and losing four. "What can you see in that big stuff?" asked a baseball fan of McGraw. "Well, he has all the earmarks of a great twirler, and some day I'll make you take off your hat to 'Rube' Marquard," replied the "Little Napoleon." It's a long lane that has no turn, and the turn to prosperity road for Marquard came this season.

DOON AMES HAS THE BEST CHANCE OF BEATING THE ATHLETICS

Philadelphia, Oct. 21.—Charlie Doon, the clever little manager of the Phillies, whose team at one time looked promising for the National League championship, believes that the Giants have a better chance of defeating the Athletics with Red Ames in the box than with any other member of their staff.

"I think the Athletics are the biggest suckers in the world for curve pitching," declares Doon, "and you know in that line there is nobody in the business that can come up to Ames. If he only gets a chance to work he'll have those fellows breaking their backs trying to hit him."

Many experts are inclined to agree with Doon when it comes to his opinion on Ames. He has pitched a few bad games this season. In the main his work has been sensational, and he may prove just the "dark horse" that this series—as other series have done—will bring into the limelight.

Ames was a member of the Giants when they met the Athletics in 1905, and only got a chance to win an inning in the second game. He finished the battle after somebody went in to bat for McGraw in the eighth inning, when the game was lost. Although he worked only one inning, he didn't allow the White Elephants to hit safely.



FRED SNODGRASS.
The last outer gambler of the New York team, who almost broke the Giants.